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Additional entertainment and activities are happening all around the borough throughout the weekend aimed at residents of all tastes, cultures and ages. This will be the most spectacular weekend that Luton has ever seen with tens of thousands of people from the town and surrounding areas attending the many events that make up this weekend.

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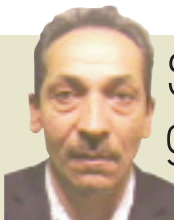
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BY LUI STRACCIA

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BODIES of dead patients are being pushed on trolleys through a hospital reception area because there is no other route to the mortuary.

Porters must move the deceased through a public waiting room at Luton & Dunstable Hospital - even if children are present - because of the awkward layout of the building.

Ashikur Rahman-Ali, 41, discovered this to his alarm on Monday night while sitting in the L&D's Urgent Care Centre (UCC) reception with his six-year-old daughter, who was awaiting treatment for a stomach problem when a 'blue bag on a trolley' was wheeled past them twice.

Mr Rahman-Ali, of Argyll Avenue, Luton, said: "My daughter said to me: 'What's that he's pushing?' I told her it was nothing.

"I saw it covered. It was obviously a dead body, in a blue bag. There were around ten people in the waiting area.

"The man was pushing it fast, as if he didn't want anyone to know. It was right in front of us, just inches away.

"I rang up a nurse the next morning and asked if that is the only way they can transport bodies through the hospital.

"The nurse said it was sad for my daughter, but that they have to do it that way. There's no other way. She said it's normal. I think it's wrong."

The L&D said the porter followed the 'correct procedure' and that the old grounds of the hospital, built in 1937,

have been added to over the years, meaning bodies must be transported through the reception of the UCC, which was opened in 2006.

In a statement the hospital said: 'At the L&D, we do our best to avoid upsetting other patients or visitors when someone dies in hospital and our porters do their best to move the deceased to the mortuary respectfully and as discreetly as possible via quiet routes, and avoiding public areas as much as they can.

'The L&D is an old site with many later additions to the buildings which makes it very difficult for us to be as discreet as we would like.

'It is very important that we do not leave a patient who has died lying on the ward for lengthy periods - that would not be appropriate to the patient, their relatives or to other patients, staff or visitors.

'Until our patients actually leave the hospital, they remain in our care and it is very important that we treat deceased patients with the utmost respect.

'A special trolley is used for deceased patients that is fully enclosed. No body or part of a body would be exposed.

'A bystander would not be able to ascertain whether the trolley contained a body or was carrying equipment or was empty.'

We asked the L&D a number of questions, including one on the moving of bodies to the mortuary, but it refused to comment further.

A spokeswoman for company Care UK, which runs the UCC as part of the L&D's A&E department, did not respond.

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Pastor is cleared of sexual assault charges on teens

BY JULIA SUTTON
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A CHURCH pastor has been found not guilty of carrying out sex assaults on two teenagers as they slept.

Paul Taylor, of Meyrick Avenue, Luton, was on Thursday cleared of two separate allegations that he rubbed himself up against the youths and, in one case, indecently fondled a teenager.

Mr Taylor, 29, had been on trial at Luton Crown Court having pleaded not guilty to two offences of sexual assault.

The first offence was alleged to have happened in September 2009 with the second in the early hours of October 31 last year at his home and involving a 16-year-old boy.

Kevin Barry, prosecuting, said that Mr Taylor (pictured) of Luton Churches Educational Trust, had got to know the youths through his work with Central Baptist Church in Luton and Stopsley Baptist Church.

In the witness box Mr Taylor told the court how on October 30 last year he went out for a drink in Luton to celebrate his birthday.

With him, he said, were three other young men he had met through his work with the two churches.

That evening he said he drank 'a fair bit' before he and the others returned to his home where it had been arranged they would all spend the night.

He said when they got back to his home between 2.45am and 3am on October 31, the 16-year-old was present.

He said the three of the group were to sleep in one bedroom while one remained downstairs.

He said he went to his own bedroom where he changed into



tracksuit bottoms, but because he normally slept in the room where the others were he went there.

He said the mattress on the floor on which the 16-year-old was to sleep was almost the size for a double bed.

"I said is it okay to top and tail and he said yes," he told the court.

He said he had bought a duvet with him and got on the mattress and tried to sleep.

Mr Taylor said he couldn't get comfortable and eventually lay

with his head at the same end of the mattress as the teenager.

He said he went back to sleep but was then woken by the boy waving a mobile phone in his face.

"I remember just being dazed and having the phone waving in my face and it was waking me up," he said.

He went on: "I can't remember if I said anything. It might have been what are you doing but he said 'What the f*** are you doing?' I may have said I don't know - what are you talking about, what's going on?"

He said the teenager got up and left the room.

Mr Barry said at 5am that morning the teenager woke to find the defendant had moved so that he was lying with his head at the same end.

It was then that the alleged sexual assault was carried out.

Mr Barry said the boy eventually reported the incident to a member of the pastoral care team.

Mr Barry said it was as a result of the boy's complaint that a second young man then came forward to claim how in September 2009 the defendant had sexually assaulted him in similar circumstances.

The man, who was 19 at the time, said he had decided at the time not to report the matter but to avoid being alone with the defendant.

However, he said that on hearing that the 16-year-old had been allegedly indecently touched by the defendant, he decided to come forward.

The defendant denied sexually assaulting the other young man the year before.

He said he had been left feeling hurt and isolated by the allegations.

Concerns raised over care homes new owner 'risk'

A UNION claims a care home transferred from Southern Cross to another company is 'jumping from the frying pan into the fire'.

The GMB says their claims are backed by the release of a report which highlights the financial risks facing Four Seasons Care Homes, which has taken over 140 homes including Kirby House in West Street, Dunstable.

The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) report suggests that social service departments 'may want to actively plan for a worst case scenario' for the homes.

The main conclusion in the document says that 'in the short to medium term (14 months to three years) financial risks are very high due to the need to restructure a complex and antagonistic debt portfolio, and implement a strategy that copes with tight fees from the public sector and a demand for increased quality'.

Justin Bowden, GMB National Officer, said: "Minister for Social Care, Paul Burstow, seems determined to play Emperor Nero and fiddle while Rome burns."

"There is a risk that the care of thousands of vulnerable, elderly adults will go up in smoke again."

In a statement, Four Seasons said: 'It is a pity the authors of the report did not ask us to contribute to their research.'

'Since the publication of this report Four Seasons has met with ADASS who accept there are significant inaccuracies in the document.'

'The GMB singled us out for attack after we had declined voluntarily to give them collective bargaining rights or to deduct union subscriptions from staff pay.'

'Their statements to media are significantly at odds with what their full time representatives said in numerous meetings with us when they agreed the transfer of homes from Southern Cross to Four Seasons.'

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Parents in dark over potential school closures

PARENTS may not know whether their children's school will be closed due to strike action on Wednesday until that morning.

Central Bedfordshire Council is not pre-publishing lists of schools affected by trade union action and is instead relying on establishments to update the website that day.

The public sector strike involves 23 unions across the country and will involve teachers, headteachers, council workers and binmen, among others. The TUC called for the action over a pensions dispute.

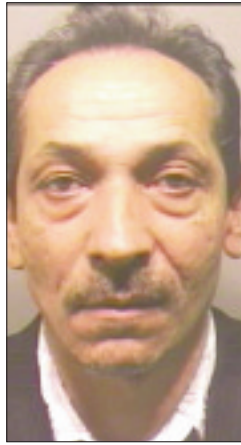
Luton Borough Council said it is making every effort to maintain services on Wednesday.

Schools planning to close will be notifying parents in advance and alerting radio stations.

A list of closures will also be appearing on the council's website as soon as they have been confirmed.

At Luton Airport, industrial action will be undertaken by members of the Public & Commercial Services and ISU Unions from 10pm on Tuesday until midnight on Wednesday.

Arriving passengers may experience delays at passport control, although impacts on departing flights are expected to be kept to a minimum.



IN PRISON: Pictured left to right are Jaroslav Husar, Jozef Lacko and Victor Lacko

Sham marriage gang given jail sentences

THE ringleader of a gang that staged a sham marriage has been jailed alongside two of his accomplices.

The conspiracy was smashed on November 2 last year when UK Border Agency officers swooped on Luton Register Office as Bilal Bashir, from Pakistan, and Bozena Horvatova, from Slovakia, were about to marry.

Bashir, who had stayed illegally in the UK after his visa expired, had hoped his marriage to an EU national would aid his bid to gain long-term residency in the UK with the associated

rights to work and claim benefits.

Victor Lacko, who was due to act as a witness to the wedding, and Jaroslav Husar were among the guests at the George Street West Venue.

Jozef Lacko was arrested as he waited in a car outside the building. Jozef Lacko, 45, and his close relative Victor, 37, appeared alongside Husar, 27, at Luton Crown Court.

The Slovak nationals, who all live in Margate, had pleaded guilty to an earlier hearing to charges of conspiring to breach the UK's

immigration laws in relation to the marriage of Bashir and Horvatova.

Jozef Lacko, of Ethelbert Road, was jailed for two years and four months, Victor Lacko, of Coach House Mews, for 18 months and Husar, of Athelston Road, for 18 months.

Bashir and Horvatova had both been jailed for 12 months at a hearing in February.

Another guest, a 28-year-old Pakistani man, was identified as a visa overstayer.

He was arrested and subsequently deported from the UK.

Points will aid drivers to have greener cars

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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CHARGING points for electric vehicles are set to be installed.

Central Bedfordshire Council has lined up two posts in Dunstable – one at Ashton Square, and one at the rear of Go Bowling, in Court Drive – to be in operation by April 2012 at the latest.

South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous said: "With fuel prices so high, I very much approve the introduction of the infrastructure locally that will enable my constituents to take advantage of cheaper, cleaner motoring in the near future."

Six posts are due to be installed in Luton, although a spokesman for Luton Borough Council said: "We

cannot give a specific date as the posts are part of a regional network.

"The regional delivery, Evalu8, are liaising with the DNO (Distribution Network Operator) UK Power Networks and are trying to ensure connection as soon as practical.

"As soon as the points are connected and checked for safe public use, we will be

proceeding with marking and signage before making the point available for use."

The charging posts are due to be installed in Upper George Street, Alma Street, Midland Road, Griffin House car park, Stockwood Park car park and Vicarage Street car park.

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Bin round collections are in line for a change

NEW recycling and refuse collection rounds are being introduced next month.

From December 5 there will be a number of changes affecting 30,000 homes in Luton, including the collection days and alternate week collections from green and brown bins may be swapped.

The frequency of residents' bin collections will remain exactly the same. Black bins will still be emptied weekly and green and brown bins and glass boxes will

be emptied fortnightly, as they are at the moment.

All households in Luton will shortly receive new collection calendars for the next year.

This also includes dates for all Christmas and bank holiday collections.

People can also find their new collection schedule by visiting Luton Borough Council's website at www.luton.gov.uk/recycling or by calling 01582 510333.

Cops hitting road again to combat vehicle crime

A CAMPAIGN against car crime is continuing next month.

The 'Your Number's Up' campaign which was rolled out across Central Bedfordshire in July and launched in Luton at the start of September will again be offering drivers the chance to get their number plates fitted with free tamper-proof screws and receive crime prevention advice.

The next event will be staged by police officers at Lewsey Park

Swimming Pool, in Pastures Way, between 2pm and 6pm and is the latest in a series of events coordinated by Luton Local Policing Team Sergeant, Graham Bates.

Anyone with information about vehicle crime can leave a message on the 'Your Number's Up' hotline on 01582 473241.

Alternatively, call the main switchboard on 101, text 07768 20011 or contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Neighbours gutted by annual leaf woe

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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FRUSTRATED residents are gearing up to face their annual battle – with falling leaves

Homeowners in Dallow Road, Luton, are 'fed up' with leaves from trees in nearby Brantwood Park filling the gutters and causing damp in their properties.

Fourteen households joined forces to write an urgent request to the council to prune the trees and prevent further leaf-fall, as they believe it should be its responsibility.

The petition details previous complaints made to the authority regarding the issue.

It says that applications were also made in 2006 and 2008 relating to the maintenance of the trees, both of which were disregarded.

The document urged the council to take 'appropriate and sensible action', as the leaves had become 'a nuisance for all living in Dallow Road.'

Ghulam Hussain, 57, said: "We have this problem every autumn and winter.

"The gutters fill up with the



leaves from the council park and as a result we have damp in our bedroom which isn't pleasant.

"I can't get up a ladder to clear out the gutters so the problem continues.

"Other residents revealed they shared the same problems in their properties as a result of water spilling against the walls of their houses due to the full gutters."

A council spokesman said: "Falling leaves is a natural occurrence and not the responsibility of the council.

"We do not prune trees to

reduce leaf-fall, although we do regularly inspect the trees and deal with any health and safety issues.

"Clearing debris from gutters is a property maintenance issue that is the responsibility of the property owner, not any third party.

"We responded to a petition on March 14, 2008 complaining about falling leaves blocking gutters in Dallow Road to explain the council's position and we will be writing to him again with the same explanation in response to his recent petition."

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BY LUI STRACCIA

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A PLAN to create 27,000 new jobs over the next 15 years has been approved.

Tackling youth unemployment, including more apprenticeships, is also a key part of the proposal, which was set out by Central Bedfordshire Council at a meeting on Thursday night.

Councillors put the finishing touches to an Economic Development Plan which shows how the authority aims to 'achieve the area's economic potential' by 2026.

As technology develops, the council expects rising demands from businesses and residents for access to high speed broadband and has started work on a Local Broadband Plan to roll out next generation services.

Cllr Ken Matthews (pictured) said "We are a prosperous and attractive area. We want to ensure that we continue to be a place people want to live and work and build on our leading education institutions and businesses to ensure our residents are able to benefit from the economic growth of the area."

"In producing the Economic Development Plan we are



embracing the critical role our partners and stakeholders will play in delivering sustainable economic growth in Central Bedfordshire and the key role the council has in enabling businesses and residents to achieve their goals and aspirations.

"We want to make it easy for people to do business with us. A top priority will be effectively listening to and acting on local business needs."

"We will introduce a range of measures to support this, focusing on high quality services to

business and enabling them to invest and grow locally.

"We will also work with public and private sector partners to bring forward a range of business space, from dedicated enterprise and innovation centres, such as the Incuba Centre in Dunstable."

The Incuba Centre provides dedicated business support and stimulates growth in the Low Carbon technologies sector.

And the recently launched Timebank service will be used to match local providers of business services such as marketing, financial, planning, sales and HR, to businesses which are looking to start up, grow or move into the area. Every part of the plan will seek to maximise business growth potential throughout the whole of Central Bedfordshire.

Cllr Matthews added: "Following the consultation over the summer I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all residents and businesses who took part and helped to shape our economic development plan priorities."

To view the Economic Development Plan and for more information on Timebank and the range of business support services visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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Gunman guilty of drug raid mix-up

BY JULIA SUTTON
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TWO masked men burst into a couple's home and held them up at gunpoint and asked: "Where's the stash?"

But it was a case of mistaken identity and there were no drugs at the house in Jubilee Street, Luton.

In the end the men left with £90 from the wallet of Thomas Sweeney, who was forced to give them his pin number, and they also took a laptop, camera and mobile.

Prosecutor Will Noble told the jury of seven men and five women at St Albans Crown Court

the raid happened on December 27, 2009.

Two men knocked on the door at 11pm. It was answered by Mr Sweeney who thought it was his eldest son returning home.

Elaine Sweeney came downstairs and was told to sit down or 'I will f***** shoot you'.

One said: "Where is the stash?"

Mr Noble said: "These two masked men had got the wrong address."

He told the court the gun was brandished by Shahid Rehman, 41, of Stour Mead Place, London.

Police found CCTV at the cash-point in Farley Hill where £300 was withdrawn from Mr Sweeney's account – eight min-

utes after the aggravated burglary. He said a facial mapping expert and a gait expert identified Rehman.

Rehman denied aggravated burglary and use of a stolen debit card.

He told the jury he had convictions for six house burglaries and seven robberies or attempted robberies but he said the raid on the Sweeneys' house was 'way out of my league'. He said his career of crime was due to heroin and crack addiction.

But he was convicted by the jury on Thursday.

Judge Marie Catterson remanded him in custody for sentence on December 16.

Cops' warning over bogus 'officer'

RESIDENTS have been warned to be extra cautious regarding the information they give out over the phone.

Bedfordshire Police have received six reports from households in Dunstable and Houghton Regis regarding a bogus caller.

A man poses as a police officer and told them that a warrant is out for their arrest and their house will be raided.

Luckily those called have not given out any personal details and contacted the police who have confirmed the calls are a hoax.

Officers would like to urge other residents who have received similar calls to report the matter to the force so action can be taken to trace and stop the hoax caller.

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Beware of promises

SIR - In response to Kerr Warner regarding the Bushwood development, I too attended the meeting held in Dallow Road Community Centre last year and can understand why people were taken in by the slick presentation.

But like Sean Cochrane from Caddington, I think people should be aware that they will say anything to get their planning permission but once they have that they will not be obliged to include all the wonderful benefits they are promising to include for the community in order to get it.

All they will be interested in is maximising their profits which will come from the houses and not the wonderful parks, swimming pools and community-based items which I am certain will disappear from their agenda once they get planning permission.

I don't mean to be rude but I do think people are naive if they think these people care one jot about the local community.

I live in a village out of choice and while I have nothing against Luton, I do not want to live in a suburb of it.

I am horrified at the scale of the development and how much of our greenbelt it will swallow up, filling in everything between Luton/Slip End and Caddington.

Futhermore, in answer to Warren Kenny (Senior Organiser of the GMB Trade Union) just how many jobs can he guarantee will go to local people.

Just because a project is local does not mean guarantee jobs for local workers as the large companies who get these projects bring in their own workforce with them.

We live on an island and it seems some people won't be happy until it is completely concreted over.

Doesn't anyone stop to ask why we need all these houses and why in an already overcrowded area of the country?

R Wickens
Front Street, Slip End, Luton

Singing the same song

SIR - We are writing in response to the letter from Declan Duggan in *Luton on Sunday* on October 30, stating his concern about Cllr Richard Stay's 'troubling infiltration and unhealthy obsession with Bushwood'.

CaSE4 stands for 'Caddington and Slip End fighting for our communities' and is a non-political action group formed in late 2009 by local people in these parishes.

If Cllr Stay is the only person to have problems with this unsustainable development then who are the 2,000-plus signatories on the petition opposing the development?

Who were the hundreds of 'marchers' who braved the snow and ice to demonstrate against this development in January 2010? Cllr Stay's is not a lone voice.

It is clear that the local infrastructure could not support the increased traffic that a development of the proposed size would create; in fact it hardly copes now.

Any new business customers would be snarled if not snarling, in the increased traffic.

Many people, including the members of CaSE4, feel that smaller, well planned developments would bene-

Congestion success earns congratulations

SIR - I have noticed how the traffic congestion at the roundabout junction of Oakley Road/Dunstable Road has eased since the traffic lights at that location have been turned off.

I heard that Cllr Mike Garrett had been pushing the council to do this for the past two or three years.

I hope that the council

makes it permanent. Isn't it great that a councillor like Mike Garrett is still working hard in trying to alleviate congestion like this, without spending large sums of money?

Well done Cllr Garrett (right) for continuing to look after the interests of the people in Luton.

SC Patel
Heron Drive, Luton



fit the local businesses of both Dunstable and Luton while also enhancing the existing communities and preserving our valuable Green Belt.

Action group CaSE4

Pension strike fears

SIR - The GMB Union official - defending his members' threatened strike action (letters last week) - takes a very odd view of the purpose of pensions funds.

He claims the local government scheme has enough money for it to remain viable for 15 years but does not offer any ideas how his members continuing pensions could be paid after 15 years nor how employees contributing now could expect, in 20 years or 30 years time, to receive the pension for which they have paid and to which they are entitled.

Pension funds are necessarily long-term investment plans.

Just being able to pay current pensioners does not make a fund viable.

With continuing contributions from working employees and employers it must have a reasonable certainty of being able to fund pension payments to people who will not retire for many years.

Luton Borough Council's share of the pension fund deficit is £180 million.

That means the gap between what the pension fund needs to honour its current and future commitments and the funding it holds is £180m. The shortfall has grown from £122m in 2008 to £180m at March 31, 2011.

The deficit will need to be dealt with. There is time, it does not have to be done overnight, but it will need to be dealt with or eventually the pension fund will run out of money and have to stop paying pensions altogether.

Whatever the GMB Union says, the local government pension scheme is more generous than any company scheme and negotiations with the Government are continuing.

Strike action should always be available as a last resort but loyal, hard-working council staff deserve better from their unions than being

encouraged to strike while discussions carry on.

Cllr David Franks
Leader of Luton Liberal Democrats

No need for meet

SIR - Animal Aid has, for many years, investigated the cruelties and suffering inherent in animal farming and made public our findings.

We have filmed sick, dead and dying animals in dozens of farms, as well as animals being sadistically abused inside slaughterhouses.

But farmed animals are subjected to much more suffering than we have been able to show.

According to *Farmers Weekly*, each year more than eight million sheep suffer lameness due to foot rot, 900,000 piglets are stillborn, and mastitis in cows - a painful infection of the udders - remains endemic.

And on its website this week, Animal Aid is making public a series of photographs of a sow taken inside a slaughterhouse.

The shocking wound on her shoulder is a pressure sore, caused in all likelihood by her incarceration in farrowing crates, where the majority of sows in the UK are forced to give birth. It is clear that this poor pig has suffered over a long period of time.

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A free Guide to Going Veggie or Vegan can be ordered from 01732 364546 or info@animalaid.org.uk

Kate Fowler
Head of Campaigns at Animal Aid

Managing tinnitus

SIR - In the wake of the tragic suicide of a father of two suffering from tinnitus, I write to urge your readers who may also have this condition not to give up hope.

They are not alone and charities like Deafness Research UK are always available to offer help and support.

Robert McIndoe's death is not the first suicide in connection with tinni-

tus and we are determined not to give up on those living with the hell created by the symptoms.

We are continuing to fund research into better treatments, with the ultimate aim of a cure.

We have a number of free information leaflets available for sufferers and our national helpline is there to provide additional support for those who need us.

We urge people not to suffer in silence, but get in touch. In many cases, we can help.

Tinnitus is a condition that causes constant ringing in the ears or head, but where the noise does not originate from an external source.

The noise level can range from a light buzzing to a constant wall of sound and for some like Mr McIndoe, can prove intolerable.

The condition affects about five million people in the UK and can have a devastating impact.

Deafness Research UK believes Mr McIndoe's death really needs to ring in the changes in terms of greater public awareness of this condition.

With the rise in MP3 player use among the young, tinnitus is far from being an old person's problem and Robert's tinnitus began after attending a loud rock concert.

One in seven, or nine million people in the UK suffer hearing loss and less than £2 per year is spent per capita in finding treatments and cures.

Our new leaflet 'Managing Tinnitus' is free of charge to sufferers and people can get the leaflet direct from our website at www.deafnessresearch.org.uk, by emailing info@deafnessresearch.org.uk or by calling our freephone helpline on 0800 808 2222.

Vivienne Michael
Chief executive of Deafness Research UK

Time to end 'scam'?

SIR - Most people know that wind-farms would not exist without subsidies.

And most people know that they are a threat to Bedfordshire's most beautiful countryside.

What most people don't know is that these subsidies (which go mostly to foreign companies and rich landowners) aren't paid by the Government, but instead are financed entirely from electricity bills.

This covert tariff throttles economic growth, makes our exports less

competitive, and is horrendous for the seven million people in fuel poverty.

If you want this scam to end, please vote for a recent e-petition that asks for a reform of wind-farm subsidies that will reduce electricity bills.

Please go either to the Government e-petition website

(<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/>), and then type 'reduce electricity bills'. Or you only have to Google: 'hatt wind petition'.

When the petition has reached its target, it will be eligible for a five-hour debate in the House of Commons.

Let's hope this pressurises the Government into reducing our inflated electricity bills.

John Hatt
Sedbergh

Cancer prevention push

SIR - This Christmas World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) is offering your readers the chance to remember loved ones lost to cancer with a Candle of Hope pin badge.

The gold brooch symbolically lights the way to a future free from cancer as money raised from its sale funds essential scientific and education cancer prevention programmes.

This Christmas appeal comes at a time when people's thoughts often turn to departed friends and relatives.

The candle emblem provides a reminder of a loved one as well as hope for the future by helping us raise awareness of cancer prevention.

Scientists estimate that by making changes to the food we eat, increasing our amount of physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented.

To support our Candle of Hope appeal and receive your badge, please make a donation at www.wcrf-uk.org/candle or call our team on Freephone 0800 970 1461.

Teresa Nightingale
General Manager at WCRF

Web can boost sales

SIR - With Christmas fast approaching, time-strapped shoppers are increasingly turning to online stores to do their gift buying and save money.

As many as one in seven people are expected to do all their Christmas shopping on the web this year.

However, when we polled companies in the South East we found that many local businesses are missing out on this opportunity to reach new customers.

Just 26 per cent of businesses in the area thought that eCommerce was a beneficial technology.

Christmas is one of the most profitable seasons for retailers.

But it's this multi-channel approach that will hone and improve the customer experience and ultimately make retailers in the South East successful.

With the economy growing less than we'd all hoped in 2011, it's clear that the right technology decisions will help local retailers ensure they are in best possible position to kick-start business growth in the New Year.

Andrew Beckhaus
Head of Business Markets for the South East, Virgin Media Business

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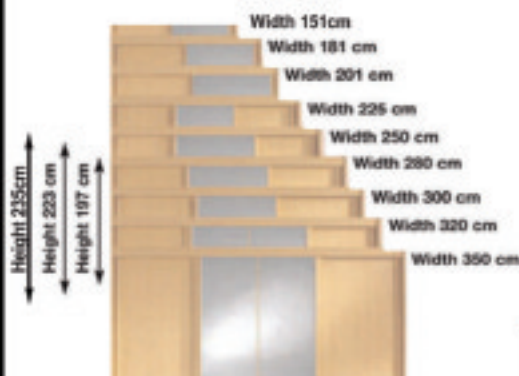
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WELL, just when you thought that you had heard it all from the NHS it gives us another surprise.

Last week in the Bedford area thousands of people were left without GP cover while staff of most of the town's surgeries attended one of their regular training courses

Sick people of all ages and from across the town and surrounding area were directed to one 'Walk-in Centre' or as it was for those without transport a 'walk to or taxi to centre'.

According to the Primary Care Trust (PCT), which is in charge of such matters, this is not even a one-off but a regular occurrence, happening every few weeks to keep health professionals up to speed on such issues as breastfeeding, diabetes and exercise.

Now correct me if I am wrong, but I was under the impression that we taxpayers fund expensive and lengthy courses to train doctors and nurses and would hope that they might by the end of up to seven years have a rough idea of what is expected of them.

I accept that there are developments and new ideas in most professions but surely it is up to individuals to ensure that they are up to speed as most of us do in our own time and without being hand held. After all, doctors must have more time on their hands as these days they

NHS training scheme is really wide of the mark

rarely make house visits or provide weekend or out of hours service.

Failing that could they not stagger their training, as would be expected in most other professions, and, I assume, at the local hospitals.

The PCT said that the reason for these training sessions was to ensure patients received the best possible care and service.

I would have thought that being able to visit their GP's surgery was a rudimentary part of this care.

I have heard and had personal experience of so many cases of people in this country having life threatening, and in some cases fatal illnesses, which were not picked up by their GPs, sometimes resulting in tragic consequences.

Indeed a national survey by the NHS Audit earlier this year said that one third of all cancer cases were initially missed by doctors. So the fact that time is being given to breastfeeding, which is a choice and in a first world country such as ours by no means a necessity, is somewhat galling.

This is a perfect example of where if people need extra help

and support it should be paid for privately and not given at taxpayers expense.

Or with my cynical hat on, is it another way to save money as then those on low income are not provided with free formula milk?

In any case I can't see that breastfeeding has altered much in tens of thousands of years unless I have missed significant changes in the equipment so we should have a fair idea by now of how it works without extra lessons.

As a type 2 diabetic I am fully aware of what I need to do both to control and treat my condition and have not received any additional or different information since I was diagnosed ten years ago, so there is probably not much stuff on these courses worth passing on.

And if there was a problem I would quite like to be able to get hold of my doctor, not be told she is off on a training course. If extra training is required then it should be in ensuring that serious and life threatening illnesses are quickly diagnosed and not dismissed.

That would be a skill worth learning more about.

Recycling and refuse collections are changing from 5 December 2011

To improve value for money and the effectiveness of our bin collections, without reducing the level of service provided, Luton Council is introducing new recycling and refuse collection rounds.

The frequency of your bin collection will stay the same, so your black bin will still be emptied weekly and your green bin, brown bin and glass box will be emptied fortnightly, as they were before.

The following changes will affect only some areas in Luton:

- The day on which your recycling and refuse is collected may change
- Alternate-week collections of green and brown bins may be swapped.

All households in Luton will receive new collection calendars shortly for the next year, advising you of any changes to refuse and recycling collections in your street. This also includes dates for all Christmas and bank holiday collections. Look out for the leaflet which will be posted through your letterbox in the next few days.



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Landlord's record fine for house filth

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A RECORD fine has been given to a landlord for subjecting tenants to 'inhumane' living conditions.

Faisal Khan, 27, who operates the letting agent Let's Move at Leagrave Road, Luton, failed to attend Luton Magistrates' Court on Monday where he was fined a record £35,000 for operating an unlicensed House in Multiple Occupation.

Luton Borough Council was made aware of the property at Avondale Road following complaints from a number of tenants residing there.

Officers from the authority's Private Sector Housing team inspected the seven-bedroom house and not only discovered that the property was operating without a licence but also that it was severely overcrowded having been let to 14 people.

It was also noted that the property and its facilities were in a filthy condition, with one of the bathrooms being in such a state of disrepair that the tenants couldn't even use it.

Fire escapes were also blocked and there was a large accumulation of rubbish dumped in the rear garden of the house.

Notices were served in respect of these deficiencies but were not complied with.

The court heard that Mr Khan, who was also managing the property through Let's Move on a commercial basis, would have received at least £40,000 worth of rental income from the tenants at the property during the offence period.

Mr Khan was fined £20,000 for failing to licence the property, £5,000 for not providing information to the council, £5,000 for failing to remove the dumped

rubbish and a further £5,000 for failing to provide a safe means of escape from fire. Total fines amounted to £35,000 and the council was awarded £1,700 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

As a further consequence the tenants can apply to the Residential Property Tribunal for a Rent Repayment Order to claim back all rent paid for the past 12 months.

Cllr Tom Shaw said: "This is one of the worst cases we have ever seen with tenants being subjected to almost inhumane living conditions. What makes it worse is that the actions of the landlord were deliberate and purely for commercial gain."

"I am glad that the maximum penalty has been imposed as this serves as a strong warning to any other landlord who thinks they can get away with this illegal behaviour."



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Project to detail luck into new home town

THE valuable contribution of settlers from Ireland to life in Luton will be documented in a project made possible by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Run by the Luton Irish Forum, 'Catching the Boat' will increase access to and learning about emigrants' life in the town.

Activities funded by the cash aims to encourage Irish and other communities to connect with, compare and celebrate their relationship with Luton from 1940 to 1960.

The project will focus on the working heritage of the Irish community by exploring themes such as industries in which people were employed, their methods of travel to the UK and roles and responsibilities in their working environment.

The scheme will begin next month and will include all members of the community, from second and third generation in their Irish Heritage, to school-

THIS week the Heritage Lottery Fund announced a £50,000 grant for a project that will chart how Irish settlers have contributed towards the town's development since the Second World War. **LAUREN ARCHELL** looks at what 'Catching the Boat' is going to involve and what it hopes to achieve over the next two years.

children. A highlight will be the construction of a carnival float based on the ship Princess Maud, which played a vital part in the Dunkirk rescue.

The boat was then in service during the 1940s and 1960s, regularly crossing the Irish Sea between Dun Laoghaire and Holyhead, to bring Irish people to the UK.

The float will be showcased at the Luton Carnival and St Patrick's Day Festival to an audience of more than 15,000 people.

Members of the community will

also be encouraged to get involved by sharing their personal memories and stories at reminiscence workshops.

A team of volunteers, including students from Barnfield College, as well as members of the community, will be recruited and trained to collect and catalogue oral and written histories.

It is hoped that information will be gained about the working lives of emigrants in areas which were popular among the community, including car manufacturing, mechanics, construction, nursing and domestic services.

These accounts will be used, alongside existing recordings, images and artefacts, to produce an exhibition and fully accessible archive which will be based at the Luton Irish Forum building,

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Kathleen Connolly House. This will support the perpetuation of existing oral history and increase the understanding of this heritage, by preserving all information for future use by all communities.

A web-based archive will also be created so that all information collated will be available to other communities outside Luton who share similar experiences.

More than 100 schoolchildren will be involved in the project, learning more about the Irish heritage by taking part in a series of workshops and creative activities.

In particular, lessons will be

given about the methods of travel used to get to the UK and Luton as an emigrant in the 40s, 50s and 60s.

They will also produce artwork and writing to tell the story of the contribution of the Irish community, which will form the basis of an exhibition at Stockwood Discovery Centre to share with other schoolchildren from the area.

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East of England, said: "This project will help to show how different communities settled in Luton and then made their own special contribution to its development."

"It's a story of shared endeavour and achievement."

It is hoped these events will raise public awareness and celebrate the contribution of the Irish people to Luton.

Tom Scanlon, Public Relations Officer for Luton Irish Forum, said: "This is a timely opportunity for a generation of people forced from their native countries in search of employment to tell their stories."

"It will allow them to share their individual memories, often harrowing; sometimes amusing in hindsight before they are lost to us for ever. We are proud to be part of this great project."

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Vinnie pitches to inspire fresh start

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

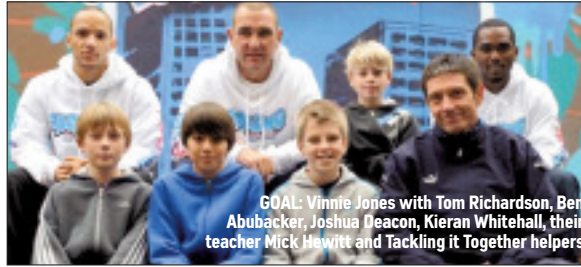
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FOUR boys from Stopsley High School were invited to meet hard man Vinnie Jones at the launch of a nationwide campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The 'Tackling it Together' scheme, in connection with npower, is trying to inspire kids to get off the streets and on to the pitch.

The footballer turned Hollywood star delivered a coaching session and pep talk in the abandoned Shoreditch Tube Station.

He said: "No matter what you've



GOAL: Vinnie Jones with Tom Richardson, Ben Abubacker, Joshua Deacon, Kieran Whitehall, their teacher Mick Hewitt and Tackling it Together helpers

done in life, tomorrow is the chance for a fresh start.

"You can always aspire to be good, to be better and to turn

your fortunes around. I know this all too well which is exactly why I wanted to be involved in the campaign."

'Dusty's Yard' a fitting garden tribute in memory of David

A MOTIVATED and hard-working group of residents are now putting their feet up and relaxing in their new communal garden.

The 14 neighbours from Whipperley Ring, Luton, have been working together since August last year to completely transform the rear shared area of their flats.

The group got together and kick-started the project as a meaningful way of remembering their former friend and neighbour David 'Dusty' Thompson who sadly died last year.

Mr Thompson had lived in the

flats for many years and worked for Luton Borough Council's refuse team, hence his nickname 'Dusty'.

The residents named the project 'Dusty's Yard' and raised their own funds before working hard for weeks gardening, planting and landscaping to transform the area in memory of him.

The yard was finished recently when tarmac was laid and the tenants celebrated with a small event with council housing officers and Cllr Tom Shaw.

Cllr Shaw said: "Well done to the

tenants who have shown how to work together in a true community spirit.

"They collectively put in 475 hours of work which shows incredible commitment.

"I hope this group of tenants gives other tenants an added incentive to do something similar with their communal areas."

Anne O'Reilly, from Dusty's Yard tenant association, said: "It is an absolute joy to go into our new courtyard. It was extremely hard work but worth every minute of it."

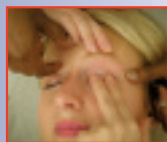


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Creative kids design an invite fit for the Queen

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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THE winners of the Love Luton 'design an invitation to The Queen' competition have been announced.

Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh spent part of their honeymoon in Luton back in 1947 and organisers of the Love Luton scheme are intending to invite the Royal couple back to the town next year to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

A competition, run with local schools asking young people to design this invitation, proved very popular with hundreds of entries.

Enoch Gara, from Denbigh High School, was the overall winner with his innovative and colourful card that captured significant Luton landmarks and features including the airport, the town's hat making history and a 3D pop out of St Mary's Church.

He also won the 14 to 18 years category and will receive an afternoon tea for his family at Luton Hoo and a bus tour around London.



From left, the Love Luton winners with their certificates: Mahee Miah, Enoch Gara, Lauren Perry, Haafizah Ahmed and Syeda Rushanara

Lauren Perry, from Icknield High, won the eight to 13 years category while Mahee Miah, from Foxdell Infant School, took the under eight years prize.

All age category winners and runners up got vouchers from The Mall and were presented with their prizes and certificates at last Sunday's Christmas lights switch on at the Town Hall.

Linsey Frostick, chair-

woman of the Love Luton working group, said: "There were hundreds of entries of excellent quality which made judging very difficult."

"We were really impressed by the creativity of the designs and it was clear that a lot of thought and effort had gone into each of them."

Cllr Hazel Simmons, Leader of Luton Borough Council, said: "All too often Luton has not celebrated its

success, vibrancy and history as a town but the Love Luton city status bid is taking up new opportunities to do just that.

"Well done to everyone who entered."

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Toddlers to reap new nursery care rewards

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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AROUND 700 disadvantaged two year olds will benefit from free early years education under plans published by the Government.

Liberal Democrat Children's Minister, Sarah Teather, has announced a consultation to discuss how this commitment will be implemented which will help hundreds of toddlers in Luton.

The plans include proposals to help parents and children alike by making the entitlement of 15 hours per week of free nursery

education more flexible, so it can be taken between 7am and 7pm across two days instead of the current three days.

Leader of Luton Liberal Democrats David Franks (pictured) said: "High quality early education is the key to making a difference in a child's life and helping to make Britain a fairer and more equal society."

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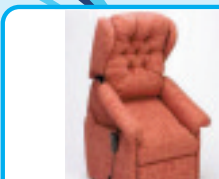
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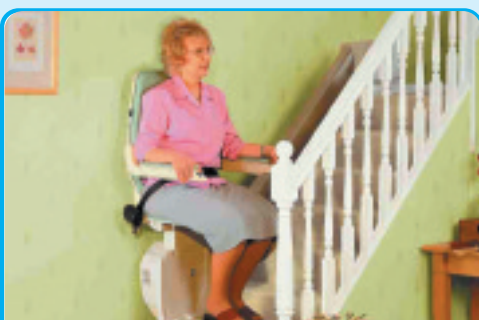
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Residents were shown how to mark their property and also given stickers to place in their windows to warn any potential thieves.

Chief Inspector of Local Policing, Rob Bartlett, said: "The

force is committed to tackling burglary but part of the fight against crime is to ensure the public have the knowledge to protect themselves and their property.

"It was another successful day for Operation Vision which will be returning to Luton in the new year."

Calling the shots on 'poison' vodka

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A FOOD control team is warning consumers not to drink Drop Vodka, an illegal brand discovered on sale in England and Wales.

Luton Borough Council put out the alert after tests identified Propan-2-ol and methanol in some of the vodka and other substances that could harm people's health.

Other tests revealed the product does not contain enough alcohol to be called vodka.

Legally, the spirit should

contain no less than 37.5 per cent alcohol but Drop Vodka has levels of 28.6 per cent.

There are also some labelling issues with Drop Vodka, particularly the lack of producer's details needed to ensure the drink is fully traceable.

So far, the illicit vodka has been found on sale in Scunthorpe, Wolverhampton, Nottingham, Milton Keynes, Potters Bar, Aldershot, Colchester and Cardiff, though it could be on sale anywhere.

Cllr Mohammed Ashraf said: "Please don't be tempted to buy a 'bargain' from the criminals who

are producing this poison and place your own or anyone else's health at risk.

"We haven't received any reports of Drop Vodka on sale in Luton so far but if you do, please report it to the council immediately.

"If you have already consumed Drop Vodka, contact your GP"

If you spot Drop Vodka on sale in Luton, call the council on 01582 510330 or email environmentalhealth@luton.gov.uk

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People asked for their views on airport access

LUTON Airport is asking members of the public for their views on its draft Airport Surface Access Strategy.

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A consultation period to enable

people to register feedback will now be open until 5pm on January 2, next year.

James Shearman, Environment Manager at Luton Airport, said: "In recent years Luton Airport has seen a positive shift towards the use of more sustainable forms of transport by employees and passengers.

"This strategy intends to build

on this good work and we encourage feedback from airport users and members of the public during the consultation period."

Further information about the consultation process can be found at www.londonlutoninthecommunity.co.uk/environment/ where a copy of the document is available to download.

'Overcrowded' flat costs couple £13k

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A MARRIED couple have been fined £13,000 for renting out a dangerous and overcrowded flat.

Rajdvinder Bains, 50, and Sam Bains, 46, who own the letting agent Ultimate Connexions in Wellington Street, Luton, pleaded guilty to running an unsafe and overcrowded House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) when they were brought before Luton Magistrates' Court.

The five bedroom flat, situated above Mr and Mrs Bains' shop in a four storey building in Wellington Street, and owned

through the couple's other company Temple Investments Ltd, was originally granted a licence allowing a maximum of five people to occupy the property.

Following a complaint in October last year, the flat was visited by an officer from the council's Private Sector Housing Team.

A number of health and safety breaches were found including no landlord gas safety certificate and poorly maintained windows.

The officer also found that Mr and Mrs Bains had breached their licence conditions by allowing six people to live there.

Fines totalling £13,000 were

imposed on Mr and Mrs Bains and their companies as a result of the offences. Councillor Tom Shaw said: "HMOs need to be licensed to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of the occupants and to prevent them living in overcrowded conditions with insufficient facilities.

"Mr and Mrs Bains are not fit and proper people to manage a property so the council is now considering revoking their licence."

More information for HMO tenants and landlords is available from www.communities.gov.uk, www.rpts.gov.uk, or by contacting 01582 54 72 22.

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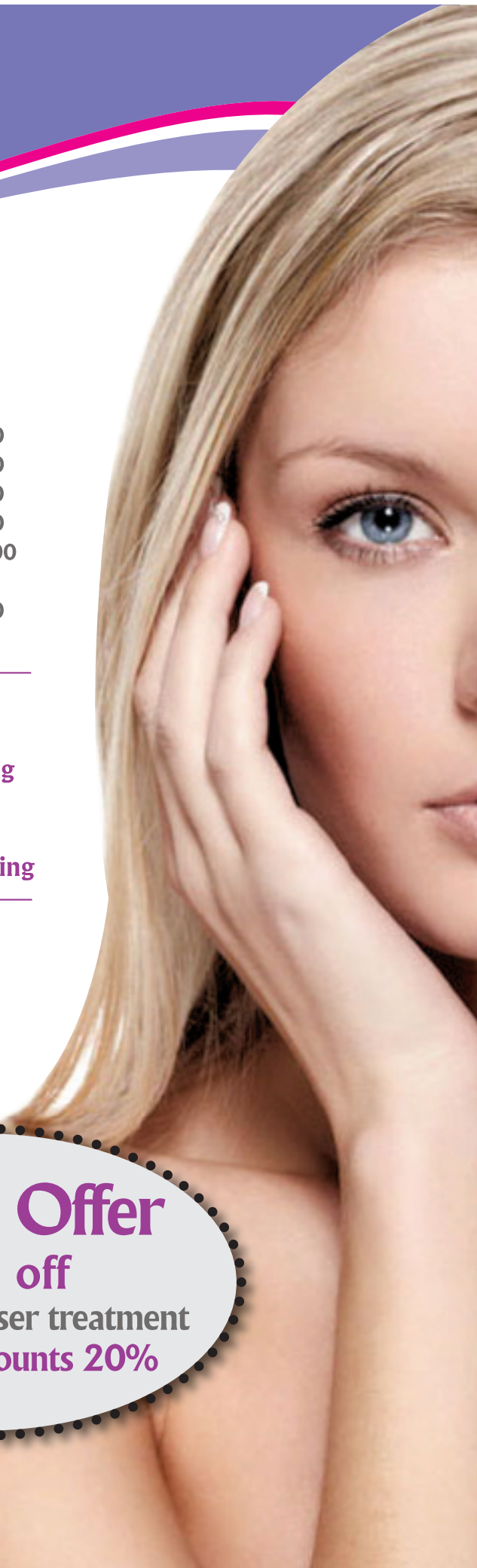
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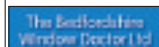
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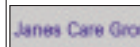
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Cheryl receives MBE for her Services to Business

CHERYL Smart, chief executive of the Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce, has received the MBE at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Cheryl was awarded the MBE for Services to Business in the Queen's Birthday Honours and last week received her medal from HRH The Prince of Wales.

Cheryl is well known in the business community having worked for the Chamber for more than a quarter of a century.

She began her career with the Chamber working aiding export businesses, gaining a reputation for her broad knowledge and distinction for taking businesses on missions to areas of the world not known for being hospitable to women.

Typically, Cheryl took these challenges in her stride with the professionalism and tenacity for which she is widely known.

Cheryl has been chief executive of the Chamber for some time and also finds time to be a governor of Luton and Dunstable NHS Trust, a board member of an enterprise partnership and a trustee of the University of Bedfordshire Students' Union.

She said: 'I was very proud to be presented with my award by the Prince of Wales.'

'It was a once-in-a-lifetime day for me and my family and a great honour not only for me but also for Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce.'

There are around 120 recipients at each Investiture, and recipients are each able to invite three guests to witness the ceremony.

Cheryl was accompanied to the Palace by her husband Ken and daughters Donna and Kelly.



ROYAL APPROVAL:
Cheryl Smart
(second left)
collecting her MBE

Helping to give entrepreneurs start-up boost

THERE are new services to help you start, grow and improve your business.

Budding entrepreneurs throughout the East of England can now access two brand new support services.

Business Link, the Government's online resource for businesses, has recently launched two new services – a Start-Up Service, called My New Business, and the Growth and Improvement Service, available at www.businesslink.gov.uk/newservices

My New Business helps people who are in the early stages of starting a business.

It provides a wealth of information including more than 100 videos, and 100 e-learning tutorials and tools, as well as further guidance for getting a business up and running, from writing business plans to securing funding.

For those who are already up and running, the Growth and Improvement Service provides straightforward, practical guidance to help people get more out of their business: such as generating more sales, increasing profits, and saving time and money.

The support, tools and short knowledge bites help established businesses deal with challenges and maximise opportunities, from practical, day-to-day tasks to more strategic guidance on business development and expansion.

Business Link have also enhanced their Events and Business Support finders, to help people find networking and business events throughout East Anglia, and the Herts, Beds and Bucks area, and publicly-funded sources of support or advice they might be eligible for.

This could be anything from financial support, to advice on investing in new equipment or machinery, or taking new products or services to market.

If you've often thought about starting up, you're among the 47 per cent of UK workers who believe they have the skills, knowledge and experience to go it alone.

The Business Link website provides both established businesses and people in the stages of starting up with a wealth of information, interactive tools, tutorials and video case studies, as well as access to essential support and services such as online VAT and PAYE payment, company registration via Companies House, and important information on regulations to ensure businesses manage risk.

For more information on these resources, and more, visit www.businesslink.gov.uk/newservices

Baggage handling firm bags best partner award

A SPECIALIST baggage handling company for Luton Airport has won the prestigious Airport Operators Association (AOA) award this year for Best Business Partner.

The award, announced at the AOA annual conference recently, is in recognition of Vanderlande Industries' excellence in working with UK airports, including Luton, to provide cost-effective, efficient, energy-efficient, and passenger-friendly baggage handling systems.

Vanderlande was selected to win the award by the AOA board for its outstanding work in its particular field.

The firm provides automated material handling systems and accompanying services.

It is active in the markets for baggage han-

dling at airports, distribution centres and parcel and postal sorting facilities.

The company implements material handling systems of all sizes, ranging from many local sorting depots, airports and distribution centres to the world's largest facilities.

Ed Anderson, AOA chairman, said: "The number and quality of entries was unprecedented, reflecting the quality of people and companies working in the airport industry."

"Deciding on the winners was a difficult process, with so many outstanding entries, but the award winner showed particular excellence and dedication in their field."

This is the second year running that Vanderlande has won an AOA award.

In 2010 it scooped the Best Innovator Award in recognition of its research and "blue skies" thinking into developing cutting edge baggage handling technology designed to help to realise significant savings in airport operational costs.

David Rothwell, head of sales of Vanderlande UK, said: "We are proud once again to have won an award from the AOA, and especially proud that we are seen as the UK airports' best business partner. We work very hard with airports to provide them with a consultative approach to their baggage handling systems, giving them advice on how these may be operated more effectively, energy-efficiently, and most importantly to help airport profitability."

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Jason Watts (right), of Hartwell Plc, presents Sean Burton and his family with the new Vauxhall Agila

ONE lucky businessman is driving home in a brand new car this week, having won a surprise 'win a car' competition run by a dealership.

Self-employed builder Sean Burton had visited Hartwell, in Dunstable, to take a test drive and was delighted to discover that he been entered into a national prize draw by the dealer.

Sean was one of more than 1,300 entrants who visited Hartwell, but he was the only one to drive home in a brand new Vauxhall Agila worth £10,000 – just for taking a test drive.

He said: "To be honest, I thought it was a wind-up at first when Hartwell telephoned to tell

me that I had won the Agila. There are a lot of practical jokes around nowadays who do this sort of thing and I'd better not repeat what I said to their general manager when he contacted me.

"Needless to say, I've apologised to him and we're all over the moon about the new car," admitted Sean.

"It's good that in these times of hardship, a company like Hartwell is willing to give away a new car to one of its customers just for taking a test drive," he added.

Graham Betts, Hartwell's general manager, said: "We are delighted that Sean has won our star prize of the new car.

"We hope very much that his family will enjoy the Agila and are sure it will give them many years of enjoyment."

Kind-hearted Sean promptly donated the vehicle to his grandparents.

"Grandfather Claude Quadling will be the proud owner and driver of the new Vauxhall," said Sean.

There are whispers from Hartwell concerning a possible festive treat in store for motorists in Dunstable, with the possibility of winning a trip abroad in the build-up to Christmas.

Watch this space for further details, or contact Hartwell Dunstable on 01582 443500 or online at www.hartwell.co.uk

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An artist's impression of The new Postgraduate and Continuing Professional Development Centre

Construction firm earns university faculty deal

THE building contract for a new £20 million University of Bedfordshire facility has been agreed.

Kier Construction will now be responsible for constructing the Postgraduate and Continuing Professional Development Centre on the university's Luton campus, due to be opened in February 2013.

The building will act as a hub for postgraduate learning, ensur-

ing that students have the essential skills they need to secure a job once they leave the university.

It will feature two lecture theatres, quiet study areas, IT and audiovisual equipment and a student lounge, with the building designed to be environmentally friendly – possibly creating construction jobs in the UK.

University deputy vice-chancellor professor Ashraf Jawaid said

the centre will be one of the most advanced in the country. He said: "It will be open from 8am until 10pm providing study opportunities for full-time graduates and continuing professional development training on a part-time basis for businesses in the locality.

"The centre will equip graduates with the necessary employability skills to go out into the marketplace."

Network on the Downs with a lunchtime chat

THE Federation of Small Businesses will be networking on Dunstable Downs this week.

FSB Luton and South Bedfordshire invites small business entrepreneurs – if you are self-employed or a small business owner – to join us for lunchtime networking and a chat by Mal Hussain of Luton Borough Council on Maximising Business Opportunities in the Luton area.

The Branch serves the Luton, Dunstable,

Leighton-Linslade areas and the event has easy access to those towns.

There is a £10 buffet which, if you would like to attend, contact Carole Hegley on gros4sales@aol.com or call 01582 501800 for information and booking for numbers.

Meet At The National Trust Chilterns Gateway Centre in Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, at 12.30pm for 12.45pm on Wednesday. Bring business cards.

Matchday packages can help motivate staff

LUTON TOWN FC is offering matchday packages which have many benefits to businesses.

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The packages also include receiving the match ball from your game, signed if you wish, meeting the man of the match and photographs with him, a pre-match tour

of the ground with photos in the dressing rooms and pitch side free of charge (subject to kick-off time), a two course pre-match meal, free tea and coffee before, during and after the match, a cash bar facility, competitions to win a signed ball and Sky Sports to keep up with all the other scores of the day.

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easyJet joins in the fight to reduce tax

EASYJET has united with four airlines to urge the Chancellor to 'axe the tax'.

In its latest efforts, the Luton-based airline has joined forces with other carriers' chief executives and collectively called on the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne to recognise that the negative impact Air Passenger Duty has on the UK economy is outweighing any benefit from the revenue it raises.

For example, a family of four travelling from Luton pay £48 in tax for a short haul flight.

This is doubled with flying on a domestic flight, because you pay double the amount of tax.

In a letter to the Chancellor, Carolyn McCall from easyJet, Willie Walsh from British Airways, Michael O'Leary from Ryanair and Steve Ridgway from Virgin Atlantic say that what is happening in the UK mirrors what occurred in the Netherlands in 2008/09 when a similar air tax was imposed and they are urging him to reconsider his plans on Air Passenger Duty.

After a year, the levy was abandoned after a study showed that its harmful effects on the Dutch economy were nearly four times greater than the revenue it produced.

The letter highlights that passenger numbers at UK airports have fallen consecutively for the last three years to a level lower than 2004.

In 2010, there were 7.4 million fewer passengers in the UK while numbers using European airports grew by 66.3 million. The chief executives have col-



lectively challenged the Chancellor to commission an independent report on the true economic effects of aviation tax in Britain.

Hugh Aitken, UK commercial manager at easyJet, said: "Air Passenger Duty was doubled in 2007 and hiked again in each of the last two years. The fact is the UK has the highest aviation taxes in the world. We want to challenge and change

that and we look forward to hearing what the Chancellor has to say next week. For hard-working families, Air Passenger Duty is a tax too far for the privilege of taking a well-earned holiday.

"It is also a tax on tourism, a tax on business and makes no business sense at a time when the UK economy is facing tough challenges.

"Aviation doesn't just drive exports - it is a major exporter in its own right with our airlines earning nearly £11 billion of foreign revenues every year.

"Tourism is one of the UK's most important earners and is worth £115 billion to the UK economy.

"We take our responsibility to the environment very seriously and have taken steps to reduce our impact.

"We support emissions trading (ETS) in principle but a combination of both APD and ETS when it is introduced is unsustainable."

To emphasise the strength of opinion on Air Passenger Duty the four airlines carried out an independent survey which confirmed that 85 per cent of those asked believe that aviation is important to the recovery of the UK economy, 77 per cent believe that APD is an unfair tax with 80 per cent of respondents suggesting APD should be scrapped.

If you agree with 'Axe the Tax' campaign, you can voice your concerns about Air Passenger Duty with your local Member of Parliament, or write directly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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Backing for scheme to get youths in work

AN MP has welcomed the news of an extra 230 apprentices coming to South West Bedfordshire - a record rise.

Conservative MP Andrew Selous is pleased about new data showing how many apprenticeships were delivered in the constituency in the 2010/11 academic year. Six hundred and seventy apprentices were delivered there in 2010/11 compared with 440 in 2009/10, an increase of 230 - or more than 52 per cent.

Mr Selous said: "This is great news for the businesses and young people in South West Bedfordshire."

"The record rise in apprenticeship numbers, particularly in Advanced 'A' level equivalent qualifications shows the Government's commitment to helping employers train the skilled workers they need to build a stronger economy and sustainable growth."

Skills Minister John Hayes MP said: "This Government is putting practical learning at the centre of our national life, restoring the purposeful pride that builds successful careers, drives prosperity and forges strong communities."

"But I am determined to do more, by stripping away bureaucracy for small firms, continuing to drive up standards and working with firms to create even more apprenticeship opportunities in coming years."

"And to help young people who currently lack basic skills make the grade for an apprenticeship, our Access to Apprenticeships programme will provide 10,000 work experience and training opportunities every year."

Zak shares his experiences

LUTON'S 'Apprentice of the Year' put youngsters through their paces during a youth challenge that laid bare the creativity and technical skill needed to make it in construction.

Zak Hussain, 19, a Wates Construction apprentice from Farley Hill, was taking part in a youth challenge day to inspire children and young people and encourage them to follow in his footsteps and consider a career in the industry.

He shared his enthusiasm and excitement for the building environment with a group of 40 ten to 15 year olds at the event which took place at the Centre for Youth and Community Development (CYCD) in Luton.

The day was designed to give young people an insight into the world of construction and the variety of careers and opportunities of offers, used a series of engaging interactive activities to teach the participants some of the practical and theoretical skills required in project planning and developing.

One of the tasks was the Morrison City Exercise which saw the youngsters work in small teams to design and plan a development comprised a housing estate of six houses, a supermarket and accompanying



Zak Hussain teaches students

roads and services. The planned estate then had to be assembled to a strict deadline with teams receiving penalties and bonuses for their efforts along the way.

Zak, an apprentice with the National Skills Academy for Construction, said: "I found this a really good experience."

"I think everyone enjoyed the day and coped well with the challenges especially given that they were

working under such time pressures."

"I definitely think the kids now know a lot more about construction and the sorts of things you have to think about when planning a project."

"I didn't have this kind of thing when I was younger and I would like to see far more of these events especially if they will eventually result in more young people com-

ing into the industry." The event is the second of its kind in the Bury Park area in recent weeks and is part of an ongoing initiative to spark interest among young people in the industry, offering them the chance to learn first hand about construction, the variety of careers the industry offers and get a glimpse at types of skills and abilities employed in the respective roles.

Head of the winning team on the day was 15-year-old Shamira Halim from Denbigh High School.

She said: "I really liked the event and found out a lot more about different careers in construction."

"I was the manager on a team full of boys which was really good and I enjoyed getting to meet new people and learning about working quickly together to a deadline."

"I also like mathematics so enjoyed doing all the calculations that were involved in coming up with the lowest bid."

"I am really pleased that we won the team challenge, it was good fun. I don't know yet for sure but I might work in the construction industry some day."

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Group wants more workers to know first aid

ALMOST 1,500 business staff have learnt vital lifesaving skills so far this year thanks to St John Ambulance.

Bedfordshire firms have been taking advantage of training centres to ensure their employees learn first aid.

In the first nine months of this year, three centres in Dunstable, Bedford and Biggleswade have already helped 1,453 people learn first aid – one of the best performers in the East of England and five per cent up on last year.

The most popular courses are the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) accredited Emergency First Aid at Work, the refresher course, First Aid at Work and Requalification courses.

Sue Skoyles, Regional Training Manager for St John Ambulance in the East,

said: "We are particularly pleased to see that the requalification and refresher courses in the county are doing so well."

"That shows that people are ensuring their skills are up to date and that they understand the latest guidance."

St John Ambulance also offers businesses advice and guidance on the most suitable courses, on-site training and post-training support.

Sue added: "Every year, up to 150,000 people die in situations where first aid might have saved them. First aid skills could be the difference between a life lost and a life saved."

To find out more about St John Ambulance training courses call 0844 324 5535 or book online at www.sja.org.uk/training

Booklet on EU money

THE mysteries and myths of EU funding have been unravelled for businesses with a new brochure.

The East of England's four Conservative MEPs have published the document to help firms, groups and individuals access the many funding opportunities available through the European Union.

The pamphlet, entitled 'European Funding: A Brief Guide for the East of England' was put together by Geoffrey van Orden, Robert Sturdy, Vicky Ford and David Campbell-Bannerman, and covers details on the various funds and grants available, as well as specific information on who can access them, eligibility criteria,

how much is available, and how to apply. The grants listed cover those suitable for businesses, individuals, public bodies and community organisations, and include specific funds for certain groups, such as farmers and those in the research and development arena.

The funding booklet is available to download from www.vickyford.org or you can request a hard copy by emailing office@vickyford.org

For further information, photographs or quotes contact Sarah Stamp, Press and Communications Officer to Vicky Ford MEP, on 07584 028671 or at communications@vickyford.org

Airline's gong for helping families

EASYJET has been given Bronze in the first Mumsnet Family Friendly Programme Awards.

The scheme recognises the innovations and efforts of companies working hard to make life easier for families – both as employees and customers.

Lisa Burger, Luton-based easyJet's Head of Customer Experience, said: "easyJet is passionate about making travel easy and affordable for our customers and, as a mother myself, I know travelling with a young family is not without its challenges."

"A large proportion of our passengers are families and so we are committed to enhancing what we offer them in order to become the number one choice for families travelling throughout Europe."

"This award from Mumsnet is testament to the efforts our staff have made to date and we aim to continue to improve on this in the coming months."

Mumsnet co-founder Justine Roberts said: "Our Family Friendly awards mean compa-



can recognise the companies that are listening and improving.

"Companies big and small are realising that being Family Friendly isn't just an optional extra – it makes good business sense."

As part of easyJet's efforts to further enhance the travel experiences of families, it will:

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- Introduce a customer charter that will define its service commitments

- Create a Travelling with Families Question & Answer pack including a helpful downloadable checklist online

- Board families in a timely way to ensure that they are able to sit together during the flight

- Host customer focus groups regularly to listen to families' feedback

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To keep the cost of your insurance down yet ensure you have the cover you need, consider the following:

Review your cover

- When did you last check your cover?
- Many insurance policies are packaged and you may be paying for cover that you don't need.
- Do you have the cover you do need?
- Ask an independent insurance broker to review these for you, most won't charge for this, as they are hoping to win your business on the back of this review. Take advantage of this and

ensure your cover is what you need.

Look at your risk management plans

- Insurers like clients who take steps to minimise the likelihood of a claim and will offer them lower premium rates. For example, are your staff trained and is their training documented?
- How do you handle waste disposal?
- What fire and security measures do you have in place?
- Do you have a Business Continuity Plan?
- Do you carry out risk assessments?
- If you haven't implemented risk management plans, this could be a good time – not just for your insurance costs, but also to help keep your business going should it suffer problems.

Buy less Insurance

- The perception can often be, the lower your excess the

better. The reality is however this will often mean you are buying insurance you never intend to use.

- Would most small losses actually be met by your business? If yes, increase your excess, it essentially means that you are buying less insurance and thus reducing your costs

Shop around and buy local

- Does your broker consistently renew your cover with the same insurer, without shopping around, or do you deal direct with the insurer? In either case, how can you be confident you have the best prices available?
- Appoint an independent insurance broker to review the premiums you are paying and see where cost savings can be made.
- Ask your broker which insurers they have approached, and hold them to account.
- This is particularly important at the moment, as the pressure on premiums to increase gets greater and greater. It is more important than ever to ensure you are getting the best value for

money.

- Buy local! Does your insurance provider know your business, its location and how that might impact on your insurance risk. Insurance companies take a broad brush to calculating your premium, a local broker can give very specific information based on experience of the area and be onsite quickly in the event of a problem, can that be said of your current provider?

Summary

- Don't just accept the first premium you are given – there could well be cheaper options.
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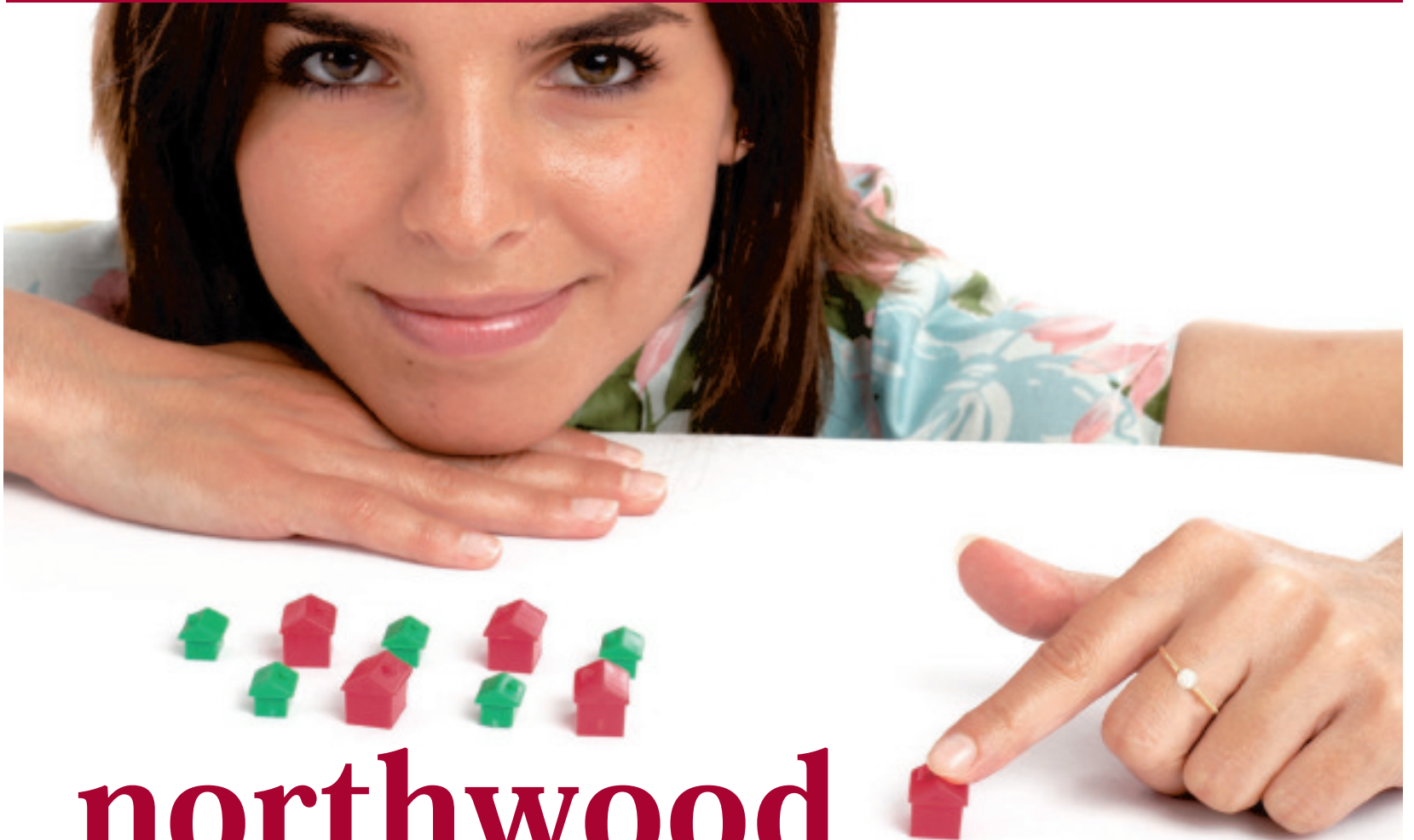
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Set up in memory of Sam Harding, who was tragically killed in a cycle accident in London earlier this year, Go Make It Happen aims to raise funds to enable children from disadvantaged backgrounds to take part in activities they would not normally experience.

The evening will be hosted by Chelsea FC's most capped player Ron 'Chopper' Harris who will be recounting tales from the Stamford Bridge pitch as well as auctioning off a number of items from his past. He will be joined by comedian Mickey Pugh.

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The night will be topped off by Doog and the Chameleons who will be performing classic songs from all genres and decades.

Tickets for the Go Make It Happen Charity Auction are now on sale from gomakeithappenevent@gmail.com or 07863 062137, and cost £30 per head.

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6.10 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.25** Countryfile. John Craven discovers the effect of farming on the coast of Co Antrim, while Ellie Harrison searches for one of Earth's oldest species. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.25 Strictly Come Dancing. Cee Lo Green performs, and the quarter-finalists are revealed.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Castle Coole, near Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, where objects up for valuation include a carriage clock with a royal connection.

9.00 Garrow's Law. The barrister faces a dilemma.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.30** Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Extended edition, with Miles Jupp. **11.15** Formula 1: The Brazilian Grand Prix - Highlights.

12.15 Film: In Dreams. (1999) Thriller, starring Annette Bening. **1.50** Weatherview. **1.55** Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **2.35** A Farmer's Life for Me. (R) **3.35** Holly City. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **12.15** Film: Kitty Foyle. (1940) Romantic drama, with Ginger Rogers. **2.00** Coast. (R) **2.05** EastEnders. **4.25** Points of View. **4.40** Songs of Praise. **5.15** Live ATP World Tour Finals Tennis. The singles final at the O2 in London.

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11.00 Fast and Loose. Featuring Greg Davies, Justin Edwards and Pippa Evans. (R)

11.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R)

12.00 Film: London to Brighton. (2006) Crime thriller. **1.20** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.15** CITV. **9.25** Horrid Henry. (R) **9.45** Film: Care Bears: Journey to Joke-a-Lot. (2004) Premiere. Animation, with the voice of Julie Lemieux. **11.10** Film: Dennis. (1993) Slapstick comedy, starring Walter Matthau. **12.40** ITV News: Weather. **12.45** Film: The 'Bubs. (1989) Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **2.40** The X Factor. (R) **4.25** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp. A review of the week's small-screen highlights. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 The Cube. A student and a Geordie mother take part.

8.00 The X Factor. The results, with performances by Jessie J and Olly Murs.

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10.30 ITV News: Weather. **10.45** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. The double-act challenge aspiring magicians. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.15** The Zone. ITV News. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV News.

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson 'The Dancer'. (R) **6.35** Ironman Triathlon. (R) **7.30** Cardiff Half Marathon. **7.55** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.40** T4: Battlefront. **9.00** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.35** T4: JLS: The Album Chart Show Special. **12.05** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: My Best Friend's Wedding. (1997) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Dermot Mulroney. **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Film: St Trinian's. (2007) Premiere. Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

7.25 Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv.

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8.00 River Cottage Veg. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's experiment comes to an end and he throws a vegetarian autumn feast to demonstrate how easy cooking without meat can be. Last in the series.

9.00 The Secret Millionaire. Former ITV chief executive Charles Allen visits Leeds.

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Lee Evans and One Direction.

11.05 FILM: An Officer and a Gentleman. (1982) Romantic drama.

1.20 American Football Live. **4.45** FreeSports on 4. (R) **5.15** Sport Modern Pastimes. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.25** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.40** Castle Farm. (R) **6.45** Igam Ogam. (R) **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** The Milkshake! Show. **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.15** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Animal Families. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Andrieu Story. (R) **10.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.50** Paul Merton's Adventures. (R) **12.50** Highland Emergency. (R) **1.20** Film: The Adventures of Robin Hood. (1938) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Errol Flynn. **3.20** Film: Fly Away Home. (1996) Family adventure, starring Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin. **5.25** Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R)

9.00 FILM: Blood Work. (2002) Crime thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

11.15 FILM: Half Past Dead. (2002) Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.20 All Star Family Fortunes **4.25** The Xtra Factor **5.25** One Direction: A Year in the Making **6.25** Film: Catwoman (2004) **8.30** Grimefighters **9.00** The Xtra Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs talk to the eliminated act and gauge the judges' reactions to the latest performances. They are also joined by comedian Jason Manford. **10.15** Kelly Rowland: The Hot Desk **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp

ITV3
3.55 Film: The Secret Garden (1993) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A student Shakespeare production ends in murder. **11.05** Hornblower

ITV4
3.05 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **5.45** Film: Goldfinger (1964) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Thunderball (1965) **11.40** Film: Training Day (2001)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** The World's Strictest Parents **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.30** Gavin & Stacey: The Outtakes **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Him & Her

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Story of British Pathe **8.00** Symphony **9.00** Film: Riding Giants (2004) **10.30** Legends: Dennis Wilson - The Real Beach Boy **11.30** California Comes to the Whistle Test

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4.45 Sorority Girls **5.50** Scrubs **6.50** Film: 27 Dresses (2008) **9.00** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **10.00** Misfits **11.05** Tool Academy

FILM4
2.45 The Riddle of the Sands (1978) **4.45** King Solomon's Mines (1950) **6.50** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan. **9.00** Appaloosa (2008) Western, starring Ed Harris and Viggo Mortensen. **11.15** Alien 3 (1992)

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Stopsley Community Primary School

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Teaching Assistant (2)

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Term time only

The Governors wish to appoint a Teaching Assistant from January 2012 or sooner if possible.

This is a highly rewarding role and you will be required to:

- ❖ Support the learning, emotional, social and behavioural development of the child/children in lessons and outside the classroom
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Application packs are only available by sending in a SAE (£1.09) or collection from school office.

Stopsley Community Primary, Hitchin Road, Luton. LU2 7UG. Tel: (01582) 611035 Fax: (01582) 612022.

Closing date Noon, 9th December 2011

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and Criminal Records Bureau.

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For further details and an application pack please send a large stamped addressed envelope with 75p in stamps to William Austin Infant School, Culverhouse Road, Luton LU3 1PZ, or collect an application pack from the school office.

Closing date: 9.00am Thursday 8th December 2011.



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Mrs A Brandham, PA to Headteacher, Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Warden Hill Road, Luton LU2 7AE
Tel: 01582 597125

Email: Cardinal.Newman.Admin@luton.gov.uk

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

Closing date: 7 December 2011

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An application form and detailed job description can be downloaded from the Connected Community, Employment Opportunities link on our website www.bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk or request by email hr@bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced CRB check. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Interview Date: Friday 16th December 2011.

Family Support Workers

Ref: HRSS000924 | £15,727 - £17,162 pa pro rata | 6 x Part-time, annualised, 6 hours per week | Bedfordshire

Ref: HRSS000925 | £15,727 - £17,162 pa pro rata | 4 x Part-time permanent, 18.5 hours per week | Bedfordshire

Planning, supervising and reviewing contact sessions, you'll demonstrate good listening and observational skills and be able to support families with confidence.

Interview Date: Tuesday 20th December 2011.

For an informal chat about the above roles, please call Julia Elmes-Rozario on 07753 689930.

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Ref: HRSS000921 | £17,162 - £22,222 pa | 2 x Full-time posts, 37 hours per week, 1 x permanent and 1 x fixed-term, 6 month contract to cover maternity leave | Bedfordshire

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Interview Date: Thursday 22nd December 2011.

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Central Bedfordshire Council are seeking
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of building maintenance activities. These are:

- Roofing Works
- General Building Works
- Mechanical and Electrical Works
- Minor Building Projects up to a value of £100k

Suitably qualified organisations are invited to tender for these
three year contracts with the option to extend by a further
2 years. The contract target start date is 1st April 2012. The
Council intends to shortlist a maximum of 5 organisations
to tender for each activity following the completion and
submission of a Pre Qualification Questionnaire.

Prospective contractors must be able to demonstrate
previous experience of similar work and be prepared to
provide references.

If you wish to express an interest in these contracts and
receive details on how to access the Pre Qualification
Questionnaire used to shortlist suppliers.

To express an interest please follow the
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Once you have registered, you will be able to download the
Pre-qualification Questionnaire.

The closing date for submission of the Pre-qualification
Questionnaire electronically is 12.00 noon Monday 19th
December 2011.

Note: The Council will only accept bids for single activities.

Contact Officer: Annabel Dunn, The Procurement Team,
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Public Notices**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VICARAGE STREET)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.2) ORDER 2011**

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 9th December 2011 and cease operation after 19th December 2011 or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to erect a tower crane for the University of Bedfordshire.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

27th November 2011

Graham Turner
Highway Services Manager
Town Hall
Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Vicarage Street.	From its junction with St Ann's Road to its junction with St Mary's Road.

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (BEECHWOOD ROAD)
(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2011**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 21st November 2011 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 5th December 2011 and cease operation after a period of 6 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to pedestrians the footpath and length of footpath in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to carry out installation of new electricity cables to the new housing development.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for pedestrians will be marked by signs.

27th November 2011

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SCHEDULE

FOOTPATH	LENGTH OF FOOTPATH
Beechwood Road	From the junction of Beechwood Road to the junction of School Lane.

**NOTICE OF MAKING OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(TOTTERNOHE: BRIDLEWAY NO 51)
PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made on 18th November 2011 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will create Totternhoe Bridleway No. 51 as shown on the Order map.

That length of Totternhoe Bridleway No. 51 to be created over an existing section of Totternhoe Footpath No. 23 extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) SP 9791 2287 where it has a junction with Totternhoe Byway Open to All Traffic Nos. 23 and 45 in a generally north north westerly direction for approximately 238 metres to OS GR SP 9781 2288 where it terminates at its junction with another section of Totternhoe Footpath No. 23 and the National Cycle Network (Route 6) known as the 'The Sewell Greenway'.

The new length of bridleway has a width of 6 metres as measured between the existing boundary hedges.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of the Countryside Access Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Amphil Road, Bedford between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Mondays to Thursdays and between 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there. An explanatory statement can be obtained by phoning 0300 300 6249.

Compensation for depreciation or damage for disturbance arising as a result of the coming into force of the Order is payable under Section 28 (as applied by section 121(2) of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended by the Transport and Works Act 1992) to which reference should be made.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Orders and Commons Registration Officer, Countryside Access Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Amphil Road, Bedford MK42 9BD not later than 4th January 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn the Central Bedfordshire Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated 18th November 2011.

David Leverington, Rights of Way Team Leader
Technology House, Amphil Road, Bedford MK42 9BD.

Public Notices

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (CLYDESDALE ROAD)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 9th January 2012 and cease operation after a period of 18 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to carry out works in renewing the concrete slabs in the carriageway.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

27th November 2011

Graham Turner
Highway Services Manager
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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Clydesdale Road	From its junction with Leagrave High Street to its junction with Suffolk Close.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(SUNDON PARK ROAD, SUNDON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Sundon Park Road, Sundon which extends from Sundon Road to the Luton Borough boundary.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway patching and surface dressing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place during 4 periods of up to three days from 28th November to end of December 2011; during April/May; during June/July and during August/September 2012 between 9am and 3.30pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:- Proceed south on Sundon Park Rd to Broomingham Rd., Luton. Take 1st exit and continue on Broomingham Rd to Icknield Way. Turn left onto Icknield Way and continue to roundabout with A6. Take 2nd exit and continue on A6 to Church Rd., Streatley. Take 1st exit and continue on Church Rd then Sharpnose Rd to Sundon Rd. Turn left and continue on Sundon Rd., Streatley Rd and Manor Rd to Sundon Park Rd and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 28th November 2011 for a period of twelve months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(TODDINGTON ROAD, HARLINGTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Toddington Road, Harlington which extends from A5120 Harlington Road to the railway station access.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway patching and surface dressing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place during 4 periods of up to three days from 28th November to end of December 2011; during April/May; during June/July and during August/September 2012 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

From railway access road proceed on Station Rd to crossroads with Westoning Rd. Turn left and continue on Westoning Rd turning left at Goswell End Rd and continue to A5120. Turn left and continue on A5120 to roundabout with Toddington Rd and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 28th November 2011 for a period of twelve months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(ROSLYN WAY, PLAITERS WAY, CHURCH END AND HARRINGTON HEIGHTS,
HOUGHTON REGIS)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of Roslyn Way, Plaiters Way, Church End and Harrington Heights, Houghton Regis.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway resurfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over FIVE DAYS from Monday 28th November 2011 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

There is no alternative route available for vehicles affected by the closure.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 28th November 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

Dated 27th November 2011

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways
Central Bedfordshire Council, Technology House, Amphil Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(WEST STREET, DUNSTABLE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER NO.2 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of West Street, Dunstable which extends from the A5 to the B4541 Whipsnade Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over TWO WEEKENDS between 26th November and 5th December 2011. The road will be closed from 6am on Saturdays to 6am on Mondays. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on B4541 Whipsnade Rd, continuing on Dunstable Rd, Whipsnade to roundabout with B4540. Take 1st exit and continue on B4540 to the A5. Turn left and continue north on A5 to the A505 West St and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 26th November 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

Dated 27th November 2011

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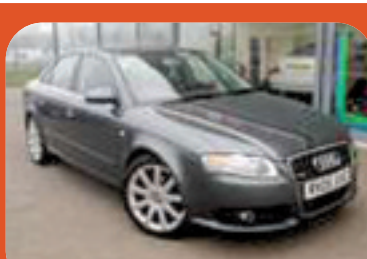


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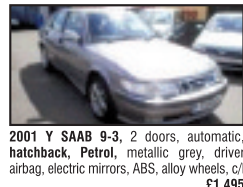
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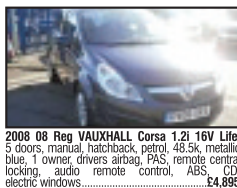
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Bobby's goal has Barton Dance-ing with joy

FOOTBALL

EVO-STIK DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

BARTON ROVERS 1
NORTHWOOD 0

A MATCH played in difficult, windy conditions was settled by a Bobby Dance penalty on the half-hour mark. Dave Parkinson, Barton's tricky right winger, was brought down in the box and Dance confidently dispatched the

spot-kick for the only goal of the game. Northwood probably deserved a point, especially since they wasted a whole host of chances to equalise in the closing 15 minutes.

The howling wind made it difficult for either side to play incisive football and too regularly they were forced into lumping hopeful long balls forward.

Dance's eighth goal of the season, however, secured all three points.

Reynolds tipped for England spot after narrow points loss

BOXING

GRAHAM Earl believes that Jordan Reynolds is close to earning a call-up to the England team after his narrow defeat in the final of the NACYP Championships on Thursday.

The Luton welterweight prospect (*pictured right*) was edged out by just two points against European, Welsh and Four Nations number one Aled Cook at Harlow Stadium.

It was only the second defeat in Reynolds' 14-fight career, with the other coming in the Junior ABA final earlier this year, and Earl is predicting big things for his protégé.

They are already eyeing another tilt at the ABA championship in the New Year, with former British and Commonwealth lightweight king Earl saying: "This is his apprenticeship."

"He wants to be a professional, he wants to represent England and be in the Olympics."

"I was talking to one of the England coaches and they know that he is there, and it won't be long before he gets called up."

"He just needs to start winning championships and next year is going to be a big year for him."

Earl was ringside supporting Reynolds, who earned a place in the final with a victory over Callum Holland two weeks ago, and felt his charge was unfortunate to lose to Cook. He said: "He made mistakes, but when he had his boxing head on he looked good."

"I think he would have won if it hadn't been computer scoring. He looked a lot fitter and the other lad was starting to blow and was holding on at the end."

"I'm probably biased and I thought he landed more punches, but the judges saw what they saw."



"It's good experience for him – he has to learn to accept the defeats as well."

"Jordan's only two losses have both been in championship finals. He has only been with me a year and the next step is for him to go one better, and if he could do that it would be amazing."

Meanwhile one of Earl's pro stable returns to the ring on Saturday at Bethnal Green's York Hall, with Michael Devine due to face Youssef Al Hamidi.

The Luton lightweight goes into the contest having blasted out Vladimiras Balakljic inside two rounds at the same venue last month, improving his record to 6(3)-1.

But Al Hamidi (9(1)-39-2) has only been stopped once in his 50 professional contests and the durable journeyman will provide a good test for Devine in their four rounder.

Early penalties give Park the edge

RUGBY UNION

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CUP

BEDFORD QUEENS 22
STOCKWOOD PARK 33

DEFENDING champions Stockwood Park began their Beds County Cup defence with a 33-22 win over local rivals Bedford Queens.

Points came from Jason Carr, Ben Griffin, Aaron Waterfield and Rob Harker.

Stockwood and Queens traded early

penalties before Griffin touched down for a try.

Waterfield then scored two tries, with Carr converting the first to extend the lead.

Queens managed to cut the deficit before half time but tries from Carr and Griffin after the restart gave Stockwood a foot in the next round.

Harker then went over late on, with further scores from the home side unable to prevent Stockwood from progressing and aiming for their fourth successive final appearance.



Danny Crow celebrates scoring in the last minute of injury time

BY PETER SMYTHE-WOOD

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LUTON Town earned their first victory in Newport since October 1946 with a 93rd-minute winner at Spytty Park yesterday.

Super sub Danny Crow was in the right place at the right time to turn in James Dance's cross in the very last minute of time added on.

The goal saw Gary Brabin's side claim a precious three points and gain ground on Blue Square Bet Premier pacesetters Wrexham and Fleetwood, who were held at Braintree and Gateshead respectively.

The Hatters are now up to sixth in the table ahead of Tuesday's visit of Telford to Kenilworth Road, just seven points off top spot as the race for promotion to League Two really hots up.

The result was tough on Newport, who are mired in the relegation zone. They battled hard and probably deserved to hold out for a point but Town's superior class told right at the end.

Brabin kept faith with the starting XI that drew 1-1 at Cambridge United last week and, after an uneventful opening period, the game sparked into life on 24 min-

utes. The hosts had two chances in the space of seconds as Sam Foley's shot was well stopped by Kevin Pilkington before the rebound fell into the path of Elliott Buchanan and his firm effort was bravely blocked by Greg Taylor.

Town raced up the other end soon afterwards to create their first real opening of the game.

Stuart Fleetwood did well to play Curtis Osano in down the right and his cross was just deflected away from Jake Howells at the back post.

While Newport dominated possession before the break the best chance of the half fell to Alex Lawless on 41 minutes.

Fleetwood's throughball found the central midfielder free inside the box but his low effort was superbly stopped by the legs of home goalkeeper Danny Potter.

The Hatters stepped up their game after the break and Fleetwood was close to giving them a deserved lead on 56 minutes, only to be denied by another great stop from Potter.

But Newport continued to be a threat on the break and only a last-ditch sliding tackle from Janos Kovacs stopped Foley going clear on goal on 67 minutes. The

Hungarian centre-back, on loan from Hereford, was a dead ringer for Town legend Steve Foster with his bandaged head.

He was just as solid as Foster at the back but he could do nothing five minutes later as Foley unleashed a powerful shot from distance.

The piledriver was well held by Pilkington as the rain made conditions increasingly difficult.

Brabin threw on Crow and Ryan Brunt, fresh from a hat-trick for the reserves in midweek, in an attempt to break the soggy stalemate and he was rewarded right at the death.

Newport County: Potter, Hughes, Rodgers, Yakubu, Hattswell, Doherty, Pipe, Rose, Foley, Matthews, Buchanan (McAllister, 73). Subs not used: Warren, Rogers, Knights, Thompson.

Luton Town: K.Pilkington, Osano, Taylor (Willmott, 71), G.Pilkington, Kovacs, Dance, Howells, Hand, Lawless, O'Connor (Brunt, 59), Fleetwood (Crow, 77). Subs not used: Tyler, Keane. Booked: Lawless

Referee: Tim Robinson (Bognor Regis). Attendance: 1,511

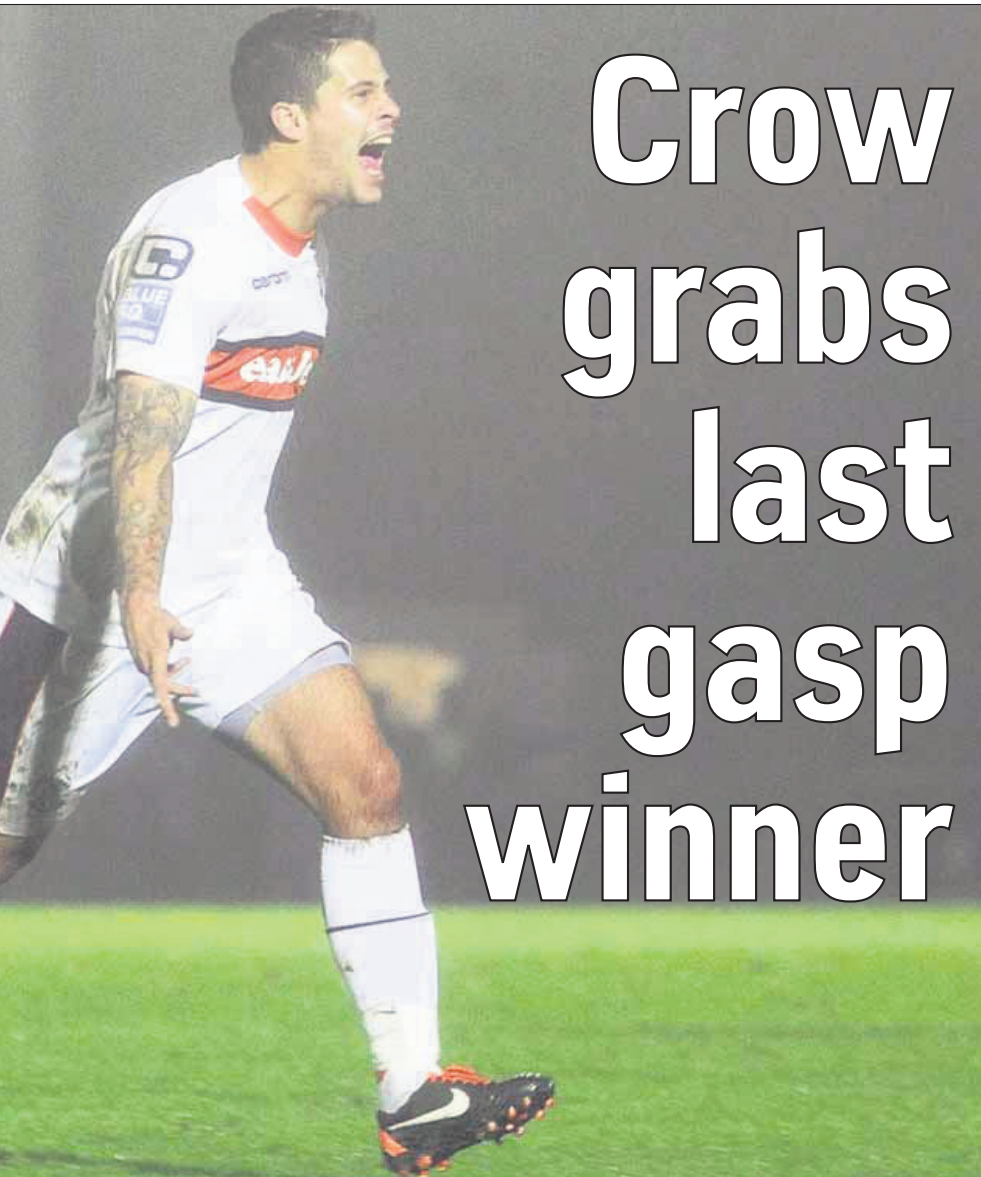


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Crow grabs last gasp winner



Danny Potter saves
well from Alex Lawless

FOOTBALL

Butler delivers AFC derby win over rivals

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

AFC DUNSTABLE 1
DUNSTABLE TOWN 0

IT wasn't a match for the neutrals but the local bragging rights will be with AFC Dunstable for the foreseeable future after they nicked a one-goal victory.

The derby contest was settled by Craig Butler's winning strike after a defensive error by the Town backline.

As if the stakes weren't high enough already between these two local rivals, it was also somewhat of a top-of-the-table clash. Before kick-off, Town were second in the league and AFC were fifth. Butler's winner ensured the gap has been reduced.

For large parts of the match it seemed as if the pressure of the occasion had got into the minds of the players as nobody could provide any spark.

In fact, Butler's winner only came about after Town failed to get rid of a routine punt forward. There was a breakdown in communication between the goalkeeper and his defence, nobody took responsibility for the ball, and the AFC striker was allowed to nip in and score.

Town, in particular, were below-par and their only chances to level the score came through two Joseph Bruce headers that didn't test the AFC keeper. At the other end, BJ Christie threatened to make it 2-0.

AFC won the battle but with very little separating Dunstable's two teams, the war will rage on until the end of the season.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SUN POSTAL SPORTS 1
CRAWLEY GREEN 8

VINNIE Shreeves and Robbie O'Dell ran bottom-of-the-table Sun Postal Sports ragged as Crawley recorded a resounding win.

The dynamic strike partnership provided the cutting edge but Crawley were totally dominant in every area of the pitch.

Shreeves notched four goals, while O'Dell got a couple for himself and was his manager's pick for man-of-the-match.

The first half was scrappy due to the overpowering wind and it took Crawley until the stroke of half-time to go 1-0 up when Shreeves broke the deadlock.

O'Dell made it two, and the hosts wilted.

From there, the floodgates opened and Crawley ran amok. Neil Pugh scored the goal of the game by beating four men before finishing and Stewart Strange got the eighth before a late consolation.

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

DEAN Harris scored a late double as **CADDINGTON** went down 5-4 at home to Winslow United. James Horny and Jake Hanzerd also got on the score sheet.

A bright start by Winslow saw them go two goals up within 30 minutes but Hanzerd managed to pull one back before the break. After the interval, Winslow took advantage of defensive errors to race to a 4-1 lead on the hour mark. Horny then reduced the deficit on 70 minutes before Harris grabbed his first to make it 4-3.

However, Winslow struck again with Harris netting five minutes from time.

Elsewhere, **KENT ATHLETIC's** good team performance was overshadowed as they drew 0-0 with Pitstone and Ivinghoe.

Glen Collins and Reece Calvano had efforts saved by the Pitstone keeper with Daniel Harris having a header cleared off the line and Dean Gazette missing late on.

The top of the table clash between Aston Clinton and **THE 61FC** ended 1-1. Aaron Lewis gave 61 the lead before poor defending allowed Aston to grab a late equaliser from a corner.

TOTTENHOE won 2-0 at home with goals coming from Aiden Murray and Daniel Liddon.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

AFC Telford	1	0	Barrow
Alfreton Town	3	2	Hayes & Yeading United
Bath City	1	1	Mansfield Town
Braintree Town	0	0	Wrexham
Darlington	2	0	Tamworth
Forest Green Rovers	1	1	York City
Gateshead	1	1	Fleetwood Town
Kettering Town	1	2	Grimsby Town
Kidderminster	0	0	Cambridge United
Lincoln City	3	0	Ebbsfleet United
Newport County	0	1	Luton Town
Stockport	0	1	Southport

EVO-STICK PREMIER

Bashley	3	3	Bedford Town
Cambridge City	1	2	Evesham United
Cirencester Town	0	0	Hemel Hempstead Tn
Frome Town	0	1	Chesham United
Leamington	1	0	St. Albans City
Redditch United	0	1	Arlesley Town

EVO-STICK DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

AFC Hayes	1	1	Biggleswade Tow
Barton Rovers	1	0	Northwood
Bedford Town	1	0	St. Neots Town
Bedworth Town	1	1	Burnham
Chalfont St. Peter	2	2	Davertry Town
Fleet Town	3	1	Aylesbury
Leighton Town	1	1	North Greenford United
Rugby Town	1	2	Beaconsfield SYCOB
Slough Town	4	3	Ashford Town (Middx)

SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER DIVISION

AFC Dunstable	1	0	Dunstable Town
Berkhamsted	1	2	Hadley
Biggleswade United	1	2	Haringey Borough
Hanwell Town	0	4	Broxbourne Borough
Harefield United	0	3	Hertford Town
Holmer Green	1	2	Hillingdon Borough
Leverstock Green	2	1	Tring Athletic
London Tigers	2	0	Stotford
Oxhey Jets	2	1	Aylesbury United
Royston Town	4	0	Colney Health
St Margaretsbury	1	2	Hatfield Town

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Amersham Town	1	5	London Colney
Chesham Utd Res	2	4	Amphill Town
Cranfield United	3	0	Kings Langley
Harpenden Town	3	3	Buckingham Athletic
Langford	1	1	Cockfosters
London Lions	3	3	Bedford
Stony Stratford Town	1	4	Hoddeston Town
Sun Postal Sports	1	8	Crawley Green
Welwyn Garden City	0	2	Tokington Manor
Wodson Park	3	1	New Bradwell St Peter

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Aston Clinton	1	1	The 61 FC
Caddington	4	5	Winslow United
Hale Leys Utd	1	6	Risborough Rangers
Kent Athletic	0	0	Pistone & Ivinghoe
MK Wanderers	0	4	Mursley United
Old Bradwell United	2	3	Bletchley Town
Totternoe	2	0	Tring Corinthians

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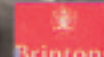
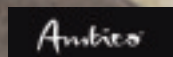
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